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President Obama Signs Public Assistance Disaster Declaration for Pahoehoe Lava Flow

HONOLULU – In response to Gov. Neil Abercrombie's Oct. 24 request for federal aid to supplement local emergency protective measures in response to the June 27th lava flow, President Barack Obama today signed a Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance.

Today's Presidential Disaster Declaration allows for emergency protective measures under the Public Assistance Program and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to assist Hawaii County.

Emergency protective measures undertaken by Hawaii County include the repair, restoration, and re-establishment of alternate routes in and out of affected communities. State efforts include measures to accommodate approximately 900 schoolchildren that will be displaced by the lava flow, and support to county requests for additional air quality monitoring.

For updates on the Kilauea Lava Flow, visit the Hawaii County Civil Defense Agency at hawaiicounty.gov/active-alerts.

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